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INJECTION PRESSES FOR PLASTICS

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**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action, dated January 26, 2005, for which petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time.

Claims 1-15 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0176200, in view of Welty, U.S. Patent No. 5,109,222.

With respect to the Harrison reference, there is submitted herewith a Second Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 (signed fax copy and unsigned copy for clarity) and the accompanying exhibits at Tabs 1-4. The Second Declaration and accompanying exhibits establish the actual reduction to practice and the invention of the subject matter of Claims 1-15 as of dates that are prior to the effective date of June 13, 2001 (International filing date) of the Harrison reference. Accordingly, this reference should no longer be an obstacle to the allowance of Claims 1-15.